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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (37 C.F.R. § 43.31)

Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated January 11, 2006, rejecting the following Claims 1-26.

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